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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which one of the signal inputs is a switch input (3) for the connection of a button.

4. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which one of the signal inputs is a remote control input (5) for the signals from a wireless remote control.

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6. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which one of the signal inputs is a digital data input, which can be connected to any digital interface, such as computer networks.
7. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which a store (30) is provided.
8. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which a clock (26) is provided.
10. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which one or more clock inputs (6, 7) are provided.
11. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which one or more communication terminals (9, 10) are provided for sending and/or receiving data to/from the control unit (28) and/or the store (30).
12. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which the circuit (ZPS) is constructed as a single integrated component.

13. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which the control unit (28) forwards the signals arriving at the remote control input (5) via a communication terminal (9, 10).

14. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in claim 1, in which

- a store stores remote control activation signals,
- the control unit (28) compares signals arriving at the remote control input (5) with the stored activation signals,
- and if they match initiates the activation procedure.

16. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in claim 15 comprising a standby circuit (ZPS).

17. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in claim 15, in which

- a power supply circuit (76) is provided for supplying electrical energy to the standby circuit (ZPS),
- while the power supply circuit draws electrical energy directly from the electricity power grid.

18. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in claim 15, in which an energy store (50) is provided for supplying electrical energy to the standby circuit (ZPS).

21. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in claim 15, comprising a circuit for monitoring the remaining content of the energy store (50).

24. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 22, in which

- the standby circuit (ZPS) is programmed by way of a communication interface,
- while there is set which of the events occurring at the inputs should represent activation events.

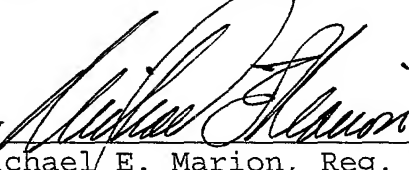
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore

reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, in which one of the signal inputs is a switch input
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4. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, in which one of the signal inputs is a remote
control input (5) for the signals from a wireless remote control.

6. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
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input, which can be connected to any digital interface, such as
computer networks.

7. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, in which a store (30) is provided.

8. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims~~claim 1, in which a clock (26) is provided.

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10. (amended) A standby circuit as claimed in ~~one of the~~
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are provided.

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terminals (9, 10) are provided for sending and/or receiving data
to/from the control unit (28) and/or the store (30).

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~~preceding claims~~claim 1, in which the circuit (ZPS) is constructed
as a single integrated component.

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the signals arriving at the remote control input (5) via a
communication terminal (9, 10).

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- a store stores remote control activation signals,
- the control unit (28) compares signals arriving at the remote
control input (5) with the stored activation signals,

- and if they match initiates the activation procedure.

16. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in claim 15 comprising a standby circuit (ZPS) ~~as claimed in one of the claims 1—14.~~

17. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in ~~one of the claims 15 or 16~~ claim 15, in which

- a power supply circuit (76) is provided for supplying electrical energy to the standby circuit (ZPS),
- while the power supply circuit draws electrical energy directly from the electricity power grid.

18. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in ~~one of the claims 15 or 17~~ claim 15, in which an energy store (50) is provided for supplying electrical energy to the standby circuit (ZPS).

21. (amended) An electrical device as claimed in ~~one of the claims 15—20~~ claim 15, ~~or a standby circuit as claimed in one of the claims 1—14,~~ comprising a circuit for monitoring the remaining content of the energy store (50).

24. (amended) A method as claimed in ~~one of the claims 22 or~~
~~23~~claim 22, in which

- the standby circuit (ZPS) is programmed by way of a communication interface,
- while there is set which of the events occurring at the inputs should represent activation events.

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